

to the changed circumstances, they have become key players in these societies in transition. As a result of congressional oversight and the leadership of the Radios, the Radios have reshaped their missions to support the transition to democracy of the many nations of the former communist bloc, who are all in various stages of transition, some fully democratic, others struggling, and even others backsliding.

One of the most disturbing aspects of America's temporary retreat following the end of the Cold War was the notion that, with communism defeated, these societies of the former Soviet bloc would inevitably blossom into stable democracies. This has proved contrary to history, and, as we saw in many cases during the 1990s, was contrary to fact. While communism is defeated, a stable democratic society must be developed and nurtured, often by well-meaning citizens with little experience of the societies they seek to achieve. Central in effecting this transition is a free media, and I am happy to say that the Radios are playing a key role, a role carefully calibrated to their stages of political and economic development.

In societies still governed by repressive regimes, such as Belarus and Turkmenistan, the Radios continue to broadcast news that the local populations can trust and continue to puncture state-controlled media with fresh and objective analysis. In transition societies, such as Russia and Serbia, the Radios, in addition to providing useful news and analysis, provide a model of modern, professional media that these societies study and use to advance their own nascent media institutions.

America does not have all of the ideas, nor all of the solutions, to the problems of the world. But our system is based on the fundamental conviction that there must be a free exchange of ideas. And history has demonstrated that we have worked best, most productively, most peacefully, with nations that share this conviction. The Radios both emulated this fundamental principle and applied it to advance our national security. Let us pause for a moment and recognize this by passing this resolution commemorating their 50th anniversary.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2467. Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2469. Mr. HUTCHINSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2470. Mr. HUTCHINSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2471. Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1731, supra.

SA 2472. Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. VOINOVICH) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2471 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill (S. 1731) supra.

SA 2473. Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2471 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill (S. 1731) supra.

SA 2474. Mr. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2476. Mr. STEVENS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2478. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2336, An act to extend for 4 years, through December 31, 2005, the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers.

SA 2479. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2336, supra.

SA 2480. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2199, to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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Strike the period at the end of subtitle C of title X and insert the following:

**SEC. 10. ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Service.

(2) SERVICE.—The term "Service" means the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) EXEMPTION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any migratory bird management carried out by the Secretary shall be exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) (including regulations).

(c) PERMITS; MANAGEMENT.—An agent, officer, or employee of the Service that carries out any activity relating to migratory bird management may, under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.)—

(1) issue a depredation permit to a stakeholder or cooperator of the Service; and

(2) manage and take migratory birds.

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At the appropriate place insert the following:

**SEC. . STUDY, EVALUATION AND REPORT ON THE CREATION OF A LITTER BANK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.**

The Secretary shall conduct a study to evaluate and report back to Congress on the creation of a litter bank by the Department of Agriculture at the University of Arkansas for the purpose of enhancing health and viability of watersheds in areas with large concentrations of animal producing units. The Secretary shall evaluate the needs and means by which litter may be collected and distributed to other watersheds to reduce potential point source and non point source phosphorous pollution. The report shall be submitted to Congress no later than six months after the enactment of this Act.

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At the appropriate place insert the following:

**SEC. . OZARK FOOTHILLS RECREATION CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR FOREST LANDOWNERS EDUCATION PROJECT IN BATESVILLE, ARKANSAS.**

(a) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amount authorized by this act, \$200,000 is to be authorized for the Ozark Foothills Recreation Conservation & Development Council for the Forest Landowners Education Project in Batesville, Arkansas.

SA 2470. Mr. HUTCHINSON submitted an amendment intended to be